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## ACTION OF ALCOHOL.

Not a Stimulant but a Sedative—The Uses of Alcohol—Total Abstinence Perfectly Safe.

J. R. Gasquet in Dublin Review.

It cannot be too often repeated, or too widely known, that (with the slight exception I have mentioned above) alcohol is not a stimulant, but a narcotic and a sedative. It does not increase the healthy activity of any organ of the body, although it may allow of disorderly action; but it depresses and lowers the normal rate of life. To say this is not to condemn its use in health, still less in disease; but it is to supply an explanation of its reasonable employment. It was natural, perhaps inevitable, that the physicians of former time should have looked upon it as a stimulant; but the error has had most pernicious consequences. The authority of medicine has not only been invoked as a cloak of indulgence, but, most lamentably, physicians were led to prescribe alcohol for delicate children and women and so to lay the foundation of drunkenness with all its infinite misery. When we have said that

ALCOHOL IS A NARCOTIC, we have found the true key to its extensive use. If a drug could be discovered which should be a real stimulant to the brain, it would be one such as Plato fabled, making men realize more vividly their miseries, and none would willingly taste it a second time. Like opium (and in a less degree, tobacco) alcohol helps to give a momentary respite from care, and its wide-spread use is a significant comment on the vanity of human life; when we add to this its evanescent stimulant effect, and the frequently pleasant taste of its compounds, we shall need no further explanation of its value to men. From what I have said of its action it will be seen that alcohol may be of service in three different ways—as a narcotic it may be powerful to check the restless activity of an over-worked or over-worried brain; and for this reason

WILL BE ALWAYS IN REQUISITION where the struggle for existence is keen. There is one very serious drawback to this action of alcohol. Its narcotic effect cannot be obtained without some lessening of the clearness and activity of thought; and this is certainly affected by a very moderate quantity of drink. I have questioned many persons, who, having been always temperate, have become total abstainers, and have almost always been assured that they were conscious of an increased mental vigor and aptitude for work, and my own personal experience has been the same. Too little stress has been laid upon this advantage, which those who have to use their brains, and can live without alcohol would be loath to forego. Secondly,

ALCOHOL MAY BE OF SERVICE by lessening tissue-change, and this may be of considerable gain when, from any cause, the waste of the body is excessive, or when sufficient food to maintain its repair cannot be purchased or digested. Total abstainers are often large eaters, and, when they fail, perhaps most frequently do so from being unable to digest the amount of food they seem to require. Here again the evil effects of drink lie close to its benefits, the varied mischiefs of gout, hepatic and renal disease, being due to the same cause which in moderation may be useful.

ALCOHOL IS SOMETIMES NEEDED for its power of dilating the smaller blood-vessels. The most important examples of this kind of action are to be found in some forms of disease where the circulation is impeded, and where the sludges (so to speak) may be opened by alcohol, and relief given to the over-taxed heart. Two points are of such importance that I venture to repeat them. The first is, that alcohol, whether for good or for harm, does not exalt but depresses healthy action, is a sedative and not a stimulant. The second is that every healthy person may with perfect safety at least make a trial of total abstinence. If then such an one, feeling that the demon of drink which possesses this land is only to be cast out by fasting as well as prayer, will drink no wine in which his brother is scandalized, medicine has this encouragement to offer him at his high resolve.

Measures of Russian Life.

(N. Y. Sun.)

In St. Petersburg more than six hundred persons of the noble or privileged classes are under arrest, to be deported to Siberia without trial. In one of the temporary Governor-Generalships in the south of the empire (Odessa), sixty privileged persons have been already sent to Siberia without trial, and two hundred persons of this class are under arrest to be judged. So great is the number of persons of this category to be exiled, that a practical difficulty is said to have arisen in connection with their deportation. A noble or privileged person, who has not been judicially sentenced, when sent to Siberia by the orders of the Third Section, or Secret Police, must be escorted by two gendarmes, it being against the law to manacle a privileged person who is uncondemned. It appears that there are not gendarmes enough thus to escort the number of persons to be deported, and the Ministry of Secret Police has proposed to get rid of this difficulty by sending the privileged persons fettered like ordinary criminals. On the other hand the officials are opposed to any such course.

## THE NARROWEST NARROW-GAUCHE.

The Oldest and Narrowest Railroad in the World.

From Scribner's for Midsummer.

This curiosity is the line, less than fourteen miles in length, from Port Madoc to the Festiniog slate district, known as the Festiniog Railway. It is nominally two feet wide, but really one foot eleven and a half inches, and enjoys the distinction of being both the oldest and the narrowest narrow-gauge in the world. It was the war cry—and the basis, in fact—of the second of the violent modern contrivances known as the battle of the gauges. The first of these, it will be remembered, was between the gauges of seven feet and upward, supported by the noted Isambard Kingdom Brunel, and the standard gauge of four feet eight and a half inches. Brunel proposed to attain unheard-of speed, retaining stability as well, with eleven-foot tracks, ten-feet driving wheels for locomotives, and carriages hung between instead of upon the wheels. I have conversed with a pupil of his, now a distinguished supporter of the extremely opposite views, who shared his experiments, and rode with him at close to

EIGHTY MILES AN HOUR on his Great Western road. He mentions a violent and dangerous lateral jar in the suspended carriages as the cause of their abandonment. The Great Western itself, as late as 1874—the waterloo it might be called of the first struggle—was relayed to the standard gauge, all comfort and profit in the use of it having been destroyed by the necessity of transhipment at points of contact with others. The Festiniog Railway has lost its exclusive prominence as an example, and is no longer the Mecca it was, now that some twelve thousand miles of narrow-gauges have been laid down in other parts of the world. Most of them are among ourselves, however—they are estimated eight thousand miles for the United States and Canada—and the circumstance adds more than it detracts from the interest of the transatlantic visitor, who may promise himself entertainment in seeing what this fourteen miles of road, parent of twelve thousand, is actually like.

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THURSDAY. .... JULY 21, 1879.

### MORE JUSTICES NEEDED.

The illness of Justice Bowker suggests the need of a change in the laws of Nevada, relating to the election of Justices. A statute of this State provides that no township shall elect more than one Justice of the Peace. Hence, in case of the illness or death of the duly elected officer, the wheels of justice must stop until his recovery or a new election takes place. This state of things is not as it should be. Every man is entitled to a prompt trial for every alleged offense. No person should be deprived of his liberty without trial or examination, because of the inability or absence of some one to adjudicate upon his case. Nor should civil suits be stopped for such a reason. An unlooked for delay in the trial of a civil case is usually vexatious, and often occasions serious loss and inconvenience.

The remedy for this state of things is to be looked for in legislation permitting the election of a deputy Justice, or alternate Justice, for each township. Such a change in the law would save much provoking delay in litigation, and enable all prisoners to secure a speedy examination or trial—a right to which every man is entitled, and which should be held sacred. Under the present law, a Justice's court is liable to be closed for months, should the sole Justice be disabled by a long illness. Clearly some change is needed.

### BEWARE OF IMPURE WATER.

It has time and time again been demonstrated that typhoid fever, and, it is believed, other fatal diseases originate, in the large majority of cases, from impurities taken into the system through the medium of drinking water. The germs of disease are usually communicated to the water by seepage from cesspools or water closets. For this reason all such receptacles for excreta should be so far away from wells as to prevent any possibility of contamination of the water. The proper distance must vary greatly with the nature of the soil. The soil about Reno is so porous that fifty feet should be minimum allowed. A leading citizen says that in excavating a sink to hold slope from the kitchen he found that the water drained away after a depth of twenty feet had been attained. This fact shows the extreme porosity of our soil and proves the necessity of the observance of the utmost precaution in regard to our wells.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

The election of trustees for the Exchequer mining company to-day at San Francisco, resulted in an entire change of management. The rule of the old board was marked by glaring frauds and embezzlement. The overthrow of the Schultz administration will be hailed with joy by the victimized stockholders. They could have no worse trustees than those just ousted. It is to be hoped for the sake of unfortunate investors that the change will be productive of an improvement in the affairs of the company.

A great deal of getting ready is going on the California Pacific. Gravel has been hauled from Folsom and from Madison and the road between Sacramento and Fairfield ballasted all the way. New steel rails have been laid between Sacramento and Davisville. The side-tracks are being lengthened to a uniform capacity of 2100 feet and everything put in shape to run the overland trains that way. The men say they have orders to finish the work by the first of October.

Parole has at last found his match on the English turf. In the race for the Goodwood cup to-day he came in third. But Americans and American horses cannot expect to win all the prizes in England. They have done well enough. To beat the English in walking, rowing, shooting and yachting is triumph enough for one generation. The English idea of the physical superiority of the British over their American cousins has about died out.

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### STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Hay \$40 in Eureka. The Sherwin-Porteus concert had a fair audience at Elko.

"Something resembling a typhoon," tore through Elko last Monday.

Austin and Eureka are nervously apprehensive of cloud-bursts.

The *Elko Post* claims that the trade of Elko goes to Ogden and Sacramento.

Professor Stewart says ore bodies invariably occur under depressions on the surface.

The product of the Eureka Consolidated mine for the month of June was \$198,000.

Den Thompson's troupe gives three performances in Eureka about the middle of August.

Some young ladies of Austin now go calling in their night dresses. At least it looks so to the *Reverie*.

At 8:30 p. m. on Tuesday the thermometer marked 107 in the shade at Paisaide. The hottest day there.

Wm. A. Edwards, once a prosperous gentleman of Eureka, recently died in the county hospital there.

New gas works are talked of for Eureka. The plan proposed is to manufacture gas from water and enrich it with petroleum.

Out of twenty-two dogs impounded in Eureka, twelve were killed, four redeemed, and six still languish in prison. Taxes have been paid on eighty-four.

A teamster drove into Eureka at night, and tying his big dog to his wagon, started out to see the town. He returned to find eggs, butter, etc., and dog, all stolen.

Parker, the pen man, draws large crowds in Eureka, called together by the witchery of his merry banjo. He is at the old game of giving away \$5 in greenbacks and a box of pens for \$1.

The Temperance Reform Club of Virginia will give an entertainment on the 5th of August, and the lady wearing the handsomest calico dress in the hall will receive a prize consisting of an elegant silver card receiver.

Stranger from Bodie drove into Carson with a pair of boots sticking out of the back of his wagon. Carson turned out to see the supposed dead man. When the coroner's jury came to sit on the body they found it to be nothing but a stuffed figure.

The Piutes about Austin are departing for Stillwater, Churchill county. They object to coming in contact with the Shoshones, who are numerous about Austin. The Piutes think them slanderous and abusive, and altogether undesirable persons to admit into their set.

That veteran prospector Captain Foley, having received one of Edison's circulars, relative to platinum mines, has promptly responded, informing the inventor that during a prospecting trip in 1868 to the Cascade Mountains in Oregon, he came across large deposits of the metal mentioned, and that he is satisfied he could easily find the locality.

About 11 o'clock last Sunday morning, says the *Lyon County Times*, Mrs. Beck of Silver City was alarmed by a noisy clatter in the kitchen. On looking into the room she saw a horse running about and another whose hind legs had broken through the floor, and which was held fast. Calling for aid, a dozen men responded, with ropes and planks, and the imprisoned horse was soon extricated. The horses had got into the kitchen through an open door.

### PACIFIC COAST ITEMS.

Grouse are very plentiful around Donner Lake.

Leadville has now over forty ore-producing mines.

Over 1000 miners are prospecting about Yankee Fork.

Bonanza City, the new Idaho mining camp at Yankee Fork, is 6400 feet above the sea.

Prices at Yankee Fork, per pound: butter, 50 cents; cabbages, 25 cents; potatoes, 20 cents, and eggs 50 cents a dozen.

The monster ferry boat Solano was successfully launched Tuesday night and is now floating alongside Long Wharf. She sits evenly and not too low in the water.

The Ontario mine, Utah, has not missed a daily shipment of ore for two years, except at the time of the fire and during necessary stoppages of the mill for repairs.

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### CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

A Brookville (Vt.) telegram says Miss Hugel, aged eighteen, and sister, aged fifteen, were drowned in the St. Lawrence while bathing yesterday.

G. A. Brunner, a Swiss, proprietor of the William Tell Garden, at Stockton, tried to commit suicide last night by shooting himself in the mouth with a pistol. The cause was financial trouble. His recovery is doubtful.

A Victoria dispatch says the vessel wrecked at Barclay Sound proves to be the British ship *Becherdass* Ambassador of Liverpool, Captain Williams, from Shanghai to Barrard inlet. All hands were saved and have arrived here.

Dispatches from Minnesota announce that the harvest has begun and the weather is favorable. The yield will average fifteen bushels to the acre, making a total amount of 44,000,000 bushels. Most of that raised in the north of the State will be No. 1, and in the south Nos. 2 and 3, all likely to be harvested in good condition.

Carson Smith was drowned, while bathing, in the Carson river three years ago, and his skeleton has just been found.

Talk is Cheap.

And so are fine clothing, boots, shoes and gentlemen's and boys' fine furnishing goods. If you go to the right place to get them. This is a mighty important point, for some people who assert that they sell cheap do nothing of the kind. We do not boast when we say that we defy competition in prices in anything in our line. Besides this we have only one price. We have no preferred customers. Everybody is treated alike at our establishment. Our stock is the largest and most complete ever offered in any part of this state. Everything we have is new. No old, musty, and out-of-date goods can be found on our shelves. We receive daily by rail and express the latest and best goods, which are obtained at first hand and sold at prices below those now prevailing in New York and Chicago. Let the people come and judge of our prices, and examine our stock before going into those humbugging, Cheap John shops, in which they drum into the ear of the customer that they sell at cost and even below cost. Anybody with common sense must know that they lie. No store-keeper sells goods for the fun of the thing, we make a profit on everything we sell, as every honest merchant does, and don't print foolish falsehoods in the vain hope of deceiving the public. We particularly call attention to our full stock of fancy underwear, such as is kept nowhere else in Reno. This class of goods forms one of our specialties. Remember the place, the White House, No. 19 Commercial Row.

Orders from the country promptly attended to.

ABRAHAMS BROS. & CO., White House, Reno.

For Sale.

House of 4 rooms, price \$450; house of 7 rooms, price \$900; house of 4 rooms, price \$475; house of 5 rooms, price \$1000; house of 3 rooms, price \$400; also lot 72x260 feet on Virginia street with two houses on same, nice place near court house, price \$1300; 40 acres, good soil, near city limits, \$1100; 33 acres, good soil, near city limits, \$1200; 40 acres, good soil, near city limits, \$1300; 30 acres, good soil, near city limits, \$1200; 1500; business houses for sale, also lots to lease on Virginia street; houses to let and rents collected apply to C. S. Martin, Real Estate Agent Reno, Nevada.

July 24

Nevada State Mill Co.

A. J. Coghill, proprietor, manufacturer of and dealer in Flour, Ground Barley, Corn Meal, Graham Flour, Oatmeal and Mill Stuf generally. Wheat, Barley and Oats bought and sold. Orders solicited. Office at present in Odd Fellows' Building, up stairs, corner Virginia and Second streets.

July 25 tf

Wm. Goeggel, the watchmaker, guarantees superior workmanship at the most reasonable charges and warrants all work for one year.

The cleanest and neatest bath house in the state is kept by Coleman & Pechner, Barnett's block, Virginia street. Baths at all hours.

Davidson's.

The popular watchmaker and jeweler, two doors west of the postoffice. Don't make a mistake.

June 13

For Cheap Drugs, Toilet Articles, Patent Medicines, Perfumery, etc., call at J. F. Myers' Drug Store, two doors west of the postoffice.

July 16

The Pleasant Purgative.

Syrup of Figs, we are happy to announce is selling rapidly. It is pleasant to take, a prompt and effective purgative. Prepared for sale only by Planter & Queen, west side Virginia street, Reno.

July 17

Boots and Shoes.

For men, boys, ladies and misses, at prices that will astonish you, can be had at the Great Eastern I X L.

July 22-17

Down With the High Prices.

Sol. Levy sells Ladies' and Children's Shoes for less than any other store in the State.

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If you want good work done, jewelry made, orders filled in the best style go to J. F. FREDERICK'S.

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Flannels.

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Isaac Barnett has a clearance sale of summer dry goods. Grenadiers, Plaids, Lawns, at bottom figures. Domestic goods, Carpets, and Oilcloth, sold cheaper than the cheapest mill for repairs.

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